

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a collaborative decision platform adapted to run on a computer, comprising:
 - (a) executing an application capable of performing decision logic;
 - (b) retrieving information from a database in accordance with the decision logic;
 - (c) receiving information from a user in accordance with the decision logic utilizing a user interface;
 - (d) processing the information utilizing the decision logic;
 - (e) collecting data, wherein the data includes (i) policies that form boundary conditions associated with the decision logic, (ii) strategic decisions to be made, (iii) values that are important to the user, (iv) uncertainties that impact the values, and a relationship between (i)-(iv);
 - (f) creating a strategy table using the data;
 - (g) assessing the uncertainties for analysis purposes; and
 - (h) generating a tornado diagram and decision sensitivity output displays;
 - (i) wherein (a)-(d) are carried out by a collaborative decision platform capable of accomplishing (b)-(d) for different purposes by executing different applications each capable of performing different decision logic;
 - (j) wherein the decision logic provides a hybrid strategy;
 - (k) wherein an application interface provides an interface between the application and the collaborative decision platform, where (b)-(d) are carried out using universal modules capable of interfacing with different applications adapted for applying the universal modules to different business sectors;
 - (l) wherein the collaborative decision platform communicates with the application through a standard interface protocol.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the business sectors include real estate, medicine, corporate, and financial~~the collaborative~~

~~decision platform communicates with the application through a standard interface protocol.~~

3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information is retrieved and received via a network.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the network is the Internet.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the purpose is selected from the group consisting of real estate-related, medical-related, corporate-related, and financial-related.
6. (Previously Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising collecting the data from the decision logic for generating visual displays of a decision hierarchy and an influence diagram.
7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the user is prompted to